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SUBJECT: MAY 20 MEETING WITH LT. COLONEL DOYLE, UNMO

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT MEMCON MAY 20, 1977 AT SFM. PARTICIPANTS
N.G.W. THORNE, DIRECTOR SFM; LT. COL. NED DOYLE, CHIEF UNMO;
MAJOR MALLI MALLINKRODT, FLO, RABAH; C.R. HARE, CHIEF OPS/LO DIV
SFM.

2. MUCH OF THE EVENING CONVERSATION DEALT WITH CAMEL ROUNDUP
OPERATIONS IN GHANBATT AREA WHICH MALLINKRODT IS CURRENTLY CON-
DUCTING. MALLINKRODT SAID HE NOW HAS ROUNDED UP A HERD OF 25
CAMELS IN AREA OF MITLA CAMP. HE ESTIMATES THERE ARE UP TO 75
CAMELS IN GHANBATT AREA AT THIS TIME.

3. MALLINKRODT WAS VERY OUTSPOKEN IN CRITICISM OF GHANBATT FOR
FAILURE TO SUPPORT HIM IN HIS OPERATION. HE SAID FOR ANY REQUEST,
INCLUDING HIS RECENT MAYDAY DISTRESS CALL, IT REQUIRES MINIMUM OF
TWO HOURS FOR GHANBATT TO REACT. WHOLE THRUST OF HIS PRESENTA-
TION TO DOYLE WAS THAT UNTSO SHOULD ASSIGN A 2-MAN UNMO PATROL
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TO GHANBATT AREA THAT WOULD MOVE AT NIGHT TO INVESTIGATE ACTIVI-
TIES OF BEDOUIN IN THIS AREA. HE MADE POINT THAT CAMELS WOULD
NOT DRIFT INTO THIS AREA ALONE SINCE THEY MUST CROSS ROUGH
TERRAIN AND AREAS THAT HAVE LITTLE VEGETATION. HE SAID BEDOUIN
ARE LEADING OR DRIVING CAMELS INTO THIS AREA WHICH HAS GOOD
VEGETATION. HE HAS ENCOUNTERED FOUR BEDOUIN IN AREA RECENTLY AND
HAS SEEN MANY BEDOUIN TRACKS.

3. LT. COL. DOYLE HAS REAL ADMIRATION FOR MALLINKRODT BUT RECOGNIZES HIS UNORTHODOX METHODS SOMETIME CREATE PROBLEMS IN UNEF BUREAUCRACY. DOYLE IS RELUCTANT TO PUSH FOR UNMO PATROL WITHOUT PRIOR AGREEMENT FROM GHANBATT COMMANDER. HOWEVER, HE SAID HE WOULD APPROACH UNTSO COMMANDER MAJOR GENERAL ERSKINE ON PROBLEM TO SEE IF HE WILL APPROVE ASSIGNING 2 UNMO'S ON TWO WEEK TOUR OF DUTY AS ROVING PATROL IN GHANBATT AREA. I OFFERED TO ASSIST COL DOYLE IN MAKING THIS APPROACH TO ERSKINE BUT DOYLE PREFERS TO DISCUSS PROBLEM WITH HIM FIRST. IF HE IS UNSUCCESSFUL IN CONVINCING ERSKINE OF NEED FOR THIS PATROL HE WILL CONSIDER OTHER APPROACHES TO PROBLEM. IN MEANTIME HE IS CONSIDERING DETAILING MALLINKRODT TO THIS AREA FOR INDEFINITE PERIOD TO KEEP CAMELS AND BEDOUIN OUT OF THIS AREA. MALLINKRODT SAID HE WOULD NEED ONE BEDOUIN TO ASSIST HIM.

4. I OFFERED TO ASSIST MALLINKRODT IN ANY WAY WE COULD DURING HIS STAY IN THIS AREA. HE ACCEPTED OFFER AND SAID OUR REPORT OF CAMEL SIGHTINGS WERE VERY USEFUL TO HIM. THIS AND AN OCCASIONAL MEAN AT SFM WERE ONLY ASSISTANCE HE NEEDED. HE SAID THE SFM OVERLAY MAP WAS VERY USEFUL FOR HIM SINCE IT SHOWS TRAILS THAT OTHER MAPS DO NOT HAVE. HE PROPOSED THAT SFM BE EQUIPPED WITH 8 CHANNEL MOTOROLA RADIO WHICH UNEF USES SO THAT WE CAN FOLLOW HIS REPORTS TO UNEF ON CHANNEL 3. THIS WOULD GIVE HIM CAPABILITY TO CONTACT US DIRECTLY IF AN EMERGENCY SHOULD ARISE. COLONEL DOYLE DID NOT REACT TO THIS SUGGESTION.

5. COLONEL DOYLE BROUGHT UP RECENT UNTSO INSPECTION OF EGYPTIAN LIMITED FORCES AREA DURING WHICH HE ACCOMPANIED UNEF CHIEF OF CONFIDENTIAL

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STAFF GENERAL NIHLEN. HE SAID INSPECTION TEAM HAD FOUND 17 SA-7 GRAIL MISSILES IN EGYPTIAN POSITION NEAR MAHATTAH THAATHAH, EAST OF ISMAILIA (7420-8760). DOYLE SAID AN OFFICIAL VIOLATION REPORT HAD BEEN WRITTEN AND SIGNED BY GENERAL NIHLEN BUT HE WAS NOT SURE IF IT HAD BEEN FORWARDED TO THE PARTIES AT THIS TIME. HE SAID WHILE THIS IS CLEAR VIOLATION OF AGREEMENT IT IS NOT AS SERIOUS AS IT MIGHT SEEM. POSITION OF MISSILES AND EFFECTIVE RANGE OF 3.2 KILOMETERS OR 10,000 FEET WOULD NOT PERMIT THEIR USE AGAINST ISRAELI RECONAISSANCE FLIGHTS WHICH MUST FLY AT 15,000 FEET OR HIGHER ALONG MEDIAN LINE. HE SAID MISSILES ARE INTENDED TO PROTECT ISMAILIA AGAINST LOW FLYING AIRCRAFT COMING IN UNDER RADAR. SINCE SA-7 MISSILES ARE HEAT SEEKING THEY NEED ONLY APPROXIMATE AIMING ACCURACY TO MAKE DIRECT HIT. WEAPONS ARE STORED IN BOXES ABOUT 3 FEET LONG WHICH CAN BE EASILY CONCEALED. IT WAS ONLY BECAUSE HE KNEW THAT MISSILES WERE AT THIS POSITION THAT DILIGENT SEARCH WAS MADE WITH NIHLEN'S APPROVAL. AFTER FIRST ONE WAS FOUND BY SOVIET UNMO DOYLE SAID EGYPTIANS FREELY ADMITTED THERE WERE 16 MORE IN AREA. LT. COLONEL DOYLE WAS EMBARRASSED AND DEFENSIVE THAT FORMAL PROTEST HAD NOT BEEN MADE TO EGYPTIANS ON

THIS VIOLATION." END MEMCON. THORNE

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